



SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA PRIORITY LEGISLATION,
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Support

AB 19 (Fong), **water conservation**, would require the water metering or submetering of multi-unit residences like apartment buildings and condominiums that are constructed after January 1, 2014. Metering or sub-metering ensures water users receive an appropriate signal regarding the volume and cost of their water use, and thus incentivizes residents to undertake responsible water use and conserve water. AB 19 is sponsored by Sierra Club California.

SB 790 (Leno), **electric utility choice**, would strengthen existing law related to Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) to foster fair competition and allow local governments to pursue CCA without undue barriers and excessive burdens. Local governments can elect to use CCA programs as a tool to foster healthy competition, to increase the use of renewable power resources, to achieve substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and to create new local jobs. SB 790 is sponsored by Sierra Club California, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and Marin Energy Authority.

SB 468 (Kehoe), **transportation planning in coastal zone**, would require CalTrans, for projects in the coastal zone, to assure that the project will achieve traffic congestion goals without compromising the unique features of the coastal zone. It will make sure that public transportation services, including commuter rail, in the corridor are completed prior to construction of the highway project.

SB 246 (De Leon), **global warming**, would help ensure that California avoids the fraud and other problems that have plagued global warming offset programs in other areas by improving the state's quality control system for offsets.

SB 515 (Corbett), **battery recycling**, would require the producers of household batteries to take responsibility for collecting and recycling them, keeping hazardous waste out of local landfills.

SB 580 (Wolk), **park conservation**, would prohibit state park lands from being sold off or used for other purposes incompatible with park purposes unless suitable substitute land is received in exchange. The bill would protect California's state park system against development proposals that are inconsistent with parks, and ensure that efforts to use state parks for non-park purposes result in no net loss of park lands for Californians.

AB 650 (Blumenfield), **transit planning**, would create a Blue Ribbon Task Force for Public Transportation for the 21st Century. Improving access to public transit will be vital to facilitating mobility for Californians while reducing emissions that cause air pollution and global warming.

AB 376 (Fong), **shark preservation**, would ban the sale of shark fin soup in California. Slicing fins off of sharks is a barbaric practice that removes mass numbers of predators from our oceans.

Oppose

SB 241 (Cannella), **planning loopholes**, would give complete immunity from any legal challenge based on violations of the California Environmental Quality Act to 125 huge projects over five years.

AB 942 (Huber and B. Berryhill), **short-changing environmental enforcement**, would weaken enforcement of air, water, toxics and pesticide standards by diverting fines and penalties to the state's General Fund.